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Thank you for your letter about changing the CIA retirement system to benefit divorced spouses.

As you may know, some time ago I wrote to the CIA Director to request that such changes be made. Enclosed is the response I received.

Your paper on the role of the CIA spouse is moving and apparently made its immpression on other members who received it. Enclosed is a memo sent by my Subcommittee staff to staff of the House Select Committee on Intelligence, regarding the CIA plan. He called the Subcommittee because of the request of Rep. Robinson concerning spouses and retirement policy.

Enclosed is a list of the voting record of the appropriate Committees. You will note that quite a few voted right on the Foreign Service Act, that is they opposed the Ford weakening amendment on the House floor. Several others have co-sponsored military spouse legislation. H.R. 3039 is the Schroeder bill, which is identical to language in the Economic Equity Act, S. 888. H.R. 1711 is the Hance bill which permits direct payment by the Pentagon on the basis of a court order that orders the military to make payment to a divorced spouse.

Good luck to you on your efforts. We need people like yourself, who are articulate, to argue the case in the Congress.

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With kind regards.

Sincerely,

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